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1. THE UNM BOARD of Regents has approved its goals and evaluation criteria for President David J. Schmidly. The strategic action plan details major milestones and benchmarks for the first year of Schmidly's presidency. The plan can be reviewed at: <http://www.unm.edu/president/>.
2. A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT to provide higher education, career development, skill development and lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of New Mexico was approved and signed recently by the UNM Board of Regents and the Governing Board of Central New Mexico Community College. The agreement signals a new partnership between New Mexico's flagship research university and the leading community college in the state. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002130.html#more>
3. PRESIDENT DAVID J. SCHMIDLIDY has announced the reorganization of the reporting structure in the Department of Athletics, creating a structure of dual reporting that emphasizes teamwork and transparency. The goal is to build a stronger academic, compliance and financial foundation for Athletics. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002129.html#more>
4. THE UNM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION has received a five-year, \$1.5 million federal grant through the U.S. Department of Education designed to train more teachers in strategies to meet the academic needs of English Language Learners. The grant will fund the Academic Literacy for All Project, which will develop and design activities to improve UNM's teacher education program, better preparing teachers to provide effective instruction to students with limited English proficiency. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002131.html#more>
5. LOBO ENERGY INC. will enter into a contract with energy conservation expert Energy Education, Inc. to implement an energy conservation program at UNM. When fully realized, this program has the potential to save significantly on utility expenses. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002128.html#more>
6. WITH THE HELP of a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Herbert Tanner is investigating how robots can learn to combine their different capabilities to solve problems that none of them can tackle on their own. Tanner's grant is a Faculty Early Career Development award in the field of robotics, provided by the Information and Intelligent Systems Division of the Computer Science and Engineering Directorate of NSF. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002127.html#more>
7. DR. CHERYL WILLMAN was recently elected, by her peer group of other NCI Cancer Center Directors in the nation, to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Cancer Institutes. This is the national governing body of the NCI Center Directors and those institutions in the process of attempting to gain NCI Designation, with about 80 institutional members. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002133.html#more>
8. PRESBYTERIAN HEALTHCARE Services and the UNM College Of Nursing team up to increase the number of educated nurses to work in hospitals around the state. Presbyterian funded six nurse instructors to provide clinical instruction for UNM nursing students in Presbyterian hospitals and medical group sites to fulfill their clinical rotation training. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6213>
9. PATRICIA PAYNE, assistant professor at the UNM College of Nursing, recently received the 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award for the UNM CoN Nurse-Midwifery education program by the American College of Nurse-Midwives Foundation. Payne, who was nominated by her midwifery students, received one of 21 awards given. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6212>
10. ENGINEERING GRADUATE student Elise Switzer and her advisor Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Professor Abhaya Datye have returned from a professional workshop on Heterogeneous Catalysis and Surface Chemistry conducted at the Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics in Dalian, China. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002123.html#more>
11. AIMS@UNM, the charter school that launched two years ago, is once again undergoing another improvement as it prepares for opening for the fall 2007 semester. Under the leadership of Principal Kathy Sandoval Snider, the school dedicates its new building on the UNM campus Friday Aug. 17, at 10 a.m. The school is now located at 933 Bradbury S.E. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002132.html#more>
12. JASPER WILL provide the music for the final Greg Johnston Summer Staff Appreciation Concert for 2007. The concert gets underway tomorrow at noon near the Modern Art Sculpture located just south of the Student Union Building. Come celebrate the last Friday before the start of classes at UNM. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002125.html#more>

13. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION & Journalism is hosting an open house on Sunday Aug. 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the re-opening of the C & J building after its recent renovation funded by the student bond initiative. There will be building tours, a video on the renovation, a presentation on the renovation and department, and official ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. The building is located on the northwest corner of Yale and Central.

14. UNM WILL EXTEND a big welcome to all incoming freshmen and their families during Freshman Family Day, Sunday, Aug. 19, at 4 p.m. The event kicks off the 2007-08 academic year, providing students and parents with an opportunity to meet faculty, administrators and fellow students.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002075.html#more>

15. DON'T FORGET, Welcome Back Days kicks off Monday, Aug. 20. A week's worth of festivities is planned to welcome new and returning students to UNM. Welcome Back Days is an annual tradition, celebrated this year from Monday, Aug. 20, to Friday, Aug. 24, offering information about university departments, organizations and programs, along with food and entertainment.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002103.html#more>